

Charles Dickens Elementary School Newsletter

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Dear Families of the Charles Dickens Community,

As we welcome the 'Year of the Rooster', we wish all families a Happy Lunar New Year and warm wishes for health and prosperity! February is here with many more reasons to celebrate all the exceptional learning taking place at Dickens!

To Our Community: again, a warm thank you for all the care and support with the recent passing of one of our Grade 6 students. To commemorate this student at Dickens, we would like to draw your attention to our Memory Bench located on the grounds of our Primary Playground area. The Plaque on this bench has a quote which reads: ***"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever"*** (A. A. Milne). The student's family has been apprised of this and we encourage you to enjoy this bench as you remember those you love and care about in the community.

Thank you to our students for taking on leadership roles throughout our school in a number of ways. For all your work in leading our Assemblies, Morning Announcements, Green Team initiatives, Student's Council initiatives, Dance Club, Library Monitor work, Basketball Team training, Noon Hour Activities in general, and so much more, thank you! To the committed Staff who are ensuring all of these activities are available to students and continuously shine the light on the extraordinary skill and talent of our students, we thank you!!

To our PAC, for continuing to provide educational experiences for all parents once a month at our PAC General Meetings, and for your ongoing support of our collective work, we thank you! Your time and dedication in assisting your child, your child's teacher and the staff in general whenever possible is appreciated.

Each year, our School's Code of Conduct is distributed and reviewed. Our initial distribution took place first term. Please know, recently, the District asked schools to provide some specific updates to this document. Given this, our revised Code of Conduct for Dickens is now available on our website for your information.

On behalf of The Green Team and Division 12, 13 & 14, thank you for supporting our bottle drive. Please save your bottles for after Spring Break. There will be another bottle drive in March when we return. Date: TBA

Dates to Remember:

- **Tuesday, February 7th, 2017** - PAC Exec Meeting/7:00pm/Main School
- **Monday, February 13th, 2017** - Family Day, School Closed
- **Friday, February 24th, 2017** - Professional Development Day – No School for Students

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Anna Maria Niccoli-Mullett

Principal